



**i-Safe Curriculum
Changes Student
Behavior**

According to the *i-Safe* National Assessment Center 2005-06 Executive Summary, students completing *i-Safe* Internet safety education were likely to change their Internet beliefs and behaviors (grades 3-12):

- 91% indicated they would make better choices about where they go and what they do on the Internet,
- 88% indicated they would be more careful about sharing personal information,
- 91% said they are better equipped to see and stay away from dangerous things on the Internet, and
- 75% indicated they are now less likely to meet someone from the Internet face-to-face.

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Internet Safety News

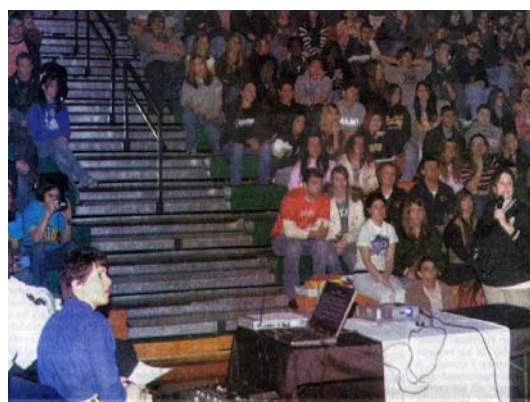
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State Cyber Safety Program—Green County High School

A statewide Internet safety campaign made its debut in Green County on January 26, 2007 with presentations to high school students and parents. The Kentucky Office of the Attorney General teamed up with the Kentucky Center for School Safety (KCSS), Green County High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students, Green County Sheriff's Office and Greensburg City Police Department to present two Internet Safety Assemblies. The program was an *i-Safe* Assembly experience using videos provided by *i-Safe* with two additional brief presentations by KBI

investigator Amanda Murphy-Sanders and KCSS Coordinator Doris Settles. The assembly presented information about internet predators, cyberbullying, and MySpace. The Office of the Attorney General has been working to develop the program and is ready to make it available statewide. If you are interested in the Office of the Attorney General assisting departments or schools in presenting an *i-Safe* Assembly, please contact Debbie Gilbert at 502-696-5385 or by e-mail at debbie.gilbert@ag.ky.gov.



i-Jam — A Free Internet Safety Event, Bullitt County Public Schools, March 31, 2007

On March 31, 2007, the Bullitt County Public Schools, in collaboration with the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General and the Kentucky Center for School Safety (KCSS), invite you to attend *i-Jam*, A Free Internet Safety Event. You will hear the scope of the Internet safety problem ranging from personal victim stories to sting operations to catch Internet predators, skill-building workshops that focus on adult Internet crime, cyber-predators, social networking (MySpace/Facebook) and cyberbullying, suicide prevention and more. A special School Administrator's workshop will be offered to discuss legal responsibilities and constraints and

recommendations for dealing with technology issues.

Featured speakers:

- John Halligan, father of Ryan Halligan who committed suicide after a long battle with cyberbullying;
- Shelly Riling, aunt of chat room murder victim Christina Long;
- KCSS Executive Director Jon Akers and Clearinghouse Coordinator Doris Settles will focus on the positive and negative impact of technology;
- Kentucky Attorney General Greg Stumbo will discuss what Kentucky is doing to combat internet crime and

stop cyber-predators;

- U.S. Attorney David Huber will discuss federal efforts to combat child pornography.

The event will be held at the East Side Middle School, 6925 Highway 44 East, Mt. Washington, Kentucky from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Registration begins at 8 am and pre-registrations will be held until 8:45 am only. Registration is free and lunch will be on your own on-site or nearby. Registrations are being taken on a first-come basis at the KCSS website Calendar of Events at www.kycss.org.

Congratulations to Athens-Chilesburg Elementary, Lexington—Winner of Safer Internet Day 2007 International Competition

Over the past several weeks, a highlight for two groups of 9-11 year old students as they went to school a half-world apart was their Crossing Borders-Safer Internet Day team project. As one group slept, the other was busy at school modifying their shared project.

The event was organized by European Schoolnet, coordinator of Insafe, the European safer Internet network. More than 40 countries participated in the competition. The students from Athens-Chilesburg Elementary School in Lexington teamed with Semely Primary School in the United Kingdom to make a video about safe Internet use and won the competition.

Students were challenged to use technology to cross geographical borders and create Internet safety awareness material on one of three themes: e-privacy, netiquette and power of image. These students chose "power of image" as their topic. In the process of developing the video, they learned about teamwork, cultural differences, and most importantly, about staying safe on the Internet. The projects created were uploaded to a blogathon on February 6th and four teams in the world were chosen as winners.

i-Safe helped facilitate the collaboration between the two schools. The video can be viewed on the i-Safe website at www.i-safe.org.



On February 26th, Mary Karen Stumbo, wife of Attorney General Greg Stumbo, and Todd Leatherman, Executive Director, Office of Consumer Protection, Kentucky Office of the Attorney General (right), presented a Cybersafety Protector Award to Athens-Chilesburg Elementary School and certificates to the participating students in recognition of their accomplishment in winning 1st prize in the 2007 Safer Internet Day Competition.

(Also pictured with the students are Fayette County Coordinator of Instructional Technology Greg Drake and teachers Yvonne Hensley and Dayna Lykins)

Internet Safety and Education Updates

Boone County Sheriff's Office

Major Jack Prindle, Electronic Crime Division, will be offering presentations on Parents Internet Safety on March 28 and April 19. A presentation on Student Cyberbullying will be offered on April 18 and one on Parent Cyberbullying on April 26.

Where Do Your Kids Go on the Internet?

Covington Police Officer, Ken Kippenbrock, will present an introduction to Internet safety for parents on April 12, 7 pm, at the Kenton County Public Library. The i-Safe program has been endorsed by the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General Internet Safety Task Force. This event is co-sponsored by the Youth Services Center at Two Rivers Middle School, the Covington Police Department, and Covington Great Neighborhoods. You may register by calling 859-962-4071 or

www.kentonlibrary.org.

New Cyberbullying Campaign—National Crime Prevention Council

According to Bob Douglas, Kentucky Crime Prevention Council, the National Crime Prevention Council has posted new cyberbullying information and PSA's on their website. To view these PSA's, log on to:

www.ncpc.org/media/cyberbullying.php

Kentucky Office of Attorney General

The Office of Attorney General will be conducting I-Assemblies at Lexington Traditional Middle School, Bryan Station High School and Morton Middle School in Lexington during the month of May. In addition, an Internet safety presentation will be conducted at the Woodford County Public Library in May.

News Briefs

General Assembly Passes Senate Bill 65

To view the bill, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/2qszbf>

The General Assembly has passed SB65, sponsored by Senator Ray Jones II of Pikeville, which requires convicted sex Offenders to register their "electronic mail address and any instant messaging, chat, or other Internet communication name identities" with the Kentucky State Police sex offender registry. The new law will go into effect this summer. The Office of the Attorney General urges members of the Task Force to alert your communities that this law gives children and parents another tool to investigate the background of anyone they may be communicating with over the Internet. Failure to register is a Class D Felony as well as a parole/probation violation.

Crosby Middle School Student Suspended Over Web Posting

Press Release: March 15, 2007

For the full story, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/2kjb2e>

Louisville, KY—A Crosby Middle School student has been suspended after posting his desire to kill several classmates on his MySpace Web site. The incident came to light after a girl named on the Web site page complained to school officials.

Bullying Beyond the Playground

Press Release: March 6, 2007

For the full story, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/35e4ak>

Washington, DC—According to the National Crime Prevention Council, new cyberbullying research says 43% of teens are victimized, but only one in 10 tell their parents. Research shows bullying is no longer just a playground problem. In a study commissioned by the National Crime Prevention Council and conducted by Harris Interactive, teens also reported their parents think they know what they do online, but really don't. To view the executive summary of the research or full report, visit the link above.

News Briefs (Continued)

Facebook, MySpace Can Be Gateways for Predators

Press Release: March 4, 2007

For the full story, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/2jbon9>

University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh—Internet concerns returned to campus as two students had unwanted encounters with people who found them through MySpace and Facebook accounts. According to University Police reports, a campus resident reported receiving unwanted e-mail from someone who said they saw her MySpace profile and another resident reported being visited in her room by an unknown individual who saw her Facebook profile.

Man Arrested After MySpace Exchanges with Girl

Press Release: February 27, 2007

For the full story, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/2r2hbd>

Portland, Oregon—A Portland man began text messaging with a 12-year-old girl after getting her cell phone number on MySpace.com. After several conversations, the man arranged to meet her at a park for sex. The investigation began when the girl's mother gave detectives her daughter's cell phone after finding sexually explicit messages and an explicit photo from the man.

Net Bully Boys are Arrested

Press Release: February 26, 2007

For the full story, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/yrlymw>

Haverfordwest, United Kingdom—Two boys have been arrested for cyberbullying after posting abusive messages on a website. The boys, ages 14 and 15, posted pictures of classmates next to offensive messages as part of an e-bullying hate campaign.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo Announces Child Sexual Predators Caught in Online Sting Head to Court

Press Release: February 2, 2007

For the full story, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/2umh2v>

Frankfort, Kentucky—Attorney General Greg Stumbo announced that sexual predators from across the state who were caught in October's Child Sexual Predator sting will face a Jefferson County judge. These men, ages 23 to 48, drove to a home in Louisville with one goal in mind—to victimize an innocent child. Instead they came face-to-face with law enforcement.

Bullitt Central Students Leave After Threat

Press Release: January 11, 2007

For the full story, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/2phond>

Shepherdsville, Kentucky—More than 100 students left Bullitt Central High School January 10th, after rumors swirled about a posting on MySpace.com in which a student threatened to beat up four other students. The MySpace posting, which was left on a student's page, included profanity as well as the threats against four students. School officials think they know who made the threat and police are searching for the student.

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MySpace Threat Prompts Arrest of Teen

Press Release: January 11, 2007

For the full story, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/2rj3ky>

Portage, Indiana—A middle school student was arrested after police said he used the popular MySpace website threatening to bring a shotgun to school and kill another student. Police said the arrested student, a 14-year-old Portage boy, had access to a shotgun and assault rifle that belong to a family member. Police said they were called in after the boy sent the girl two threatening messages via her MySpace website.

Men Charged of Raping Girl Met on MySpace.com

Press Release: January 9, 2007

For the full story, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/ywrxzq>

Pawtucket, Rhode Island—One of the three men charged with drugging and raping a 17-year-old girl one met on MySpace.com is being returned to Rhode Island after authorities caught him trying to flee to Canada. Police said the girl was given a wine cooler at a house in Pawtucket. She told investigators she felt sick and passed out. The rape occurred while the girl was unconscious, the police said.

Teen Assaulted by Sex Offender She Met Online

Press Release: January 8, 2007

For the full story, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/2gns6t>

Denver, Colorado—The Weld County Sheriff's Office say a 14-year-old girl was sexually assaulted by a sex offender she met through MySpace. Deputies found the girl at the suspect's home and recognized the suspect as a registered sex offender.

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The Office of the Attorney General is committed to protecting consumers from unscrupulous business practices, making your government more open and accessible, curtailing the drug epidemic threatening the Commonwealth, representing your rights against utility companies' rate increases, and defending our most vulnerable citizens against Medicaid fraud, abuse and neglect. Additionally, as Kentucky's top law enforcement officer, the Attorney General has formed an I-Shield Task Force to get cybersafety information out to our schools and communities. A Cybersafety section has been added to the Attorney General's website with online tips and information to safeguard your children and computer from Internet threats including dangers such as cyberstalking and cyberbullying. Also included are tips on guarding against other dangers that lurk in cyberspace such as identity theft and Internet viruses and worms.

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